

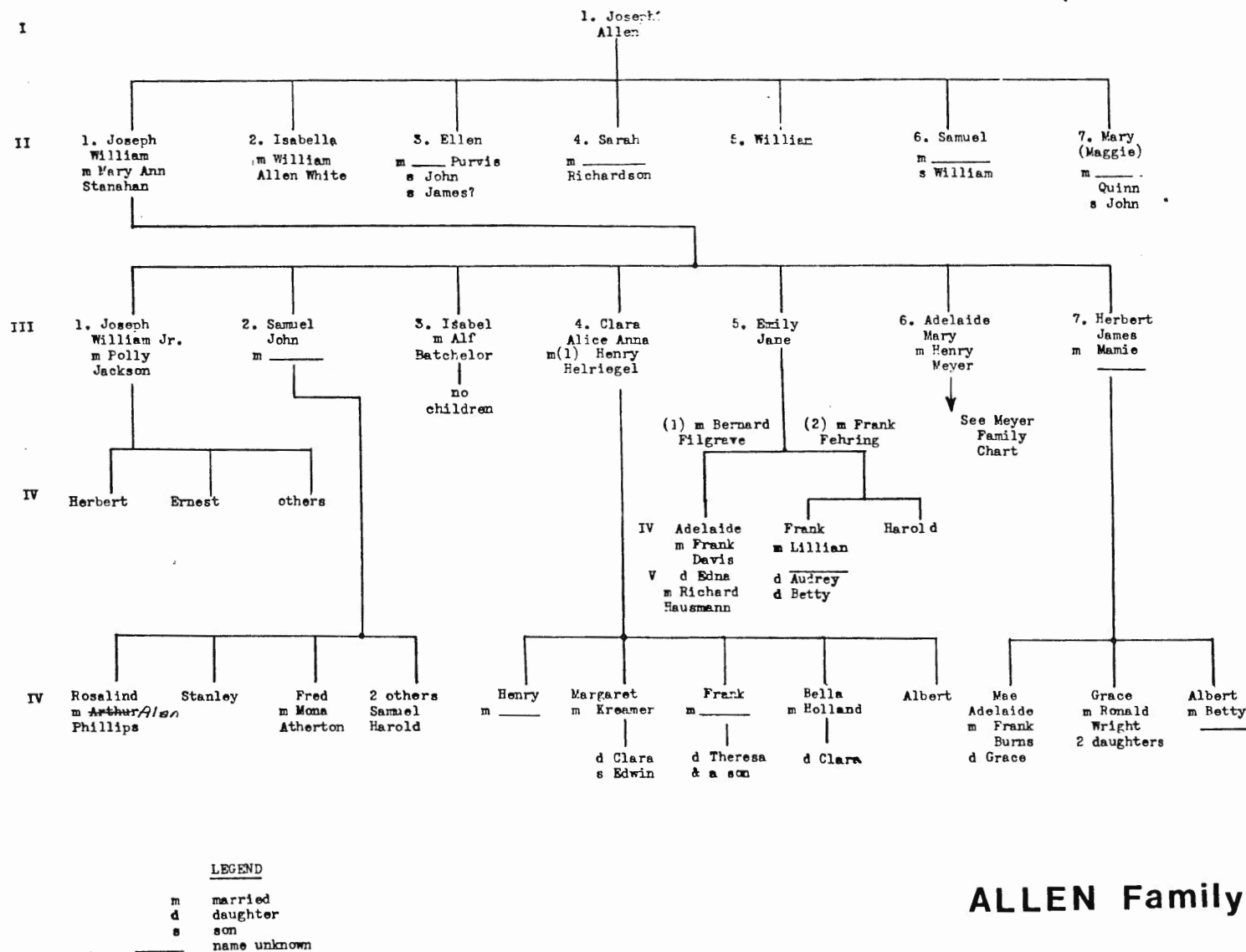
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The History of the Allen,  
Meyer, McLellan, and Coye Families

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Allen Geneology

- I-1. Joseph? Allen. Grannie's grandfather. His first name is in doubt. He was born in England and was a gentleman farmer, with seven children. After his wife died he came to the United States with six of the children, and bought property on Staten Island. He married a widow with three sons who inherited all of the property when he died at the age of 90 years. He is buried in the Episcopal Church graveyard at Richmond, Staten Island.
- II-1. Joseph William Allen, Grannie's father. He was the oldest son and was born in Edinburgh, Scotland. He joined the British army when he was 19 years old, and he did not accompany the family when his father moved to New York. He was born in about 1823, and married Mary Ann Stranahan who was born in Armagh, Northern Ireland on May 24. The year is uncertain, but it may have been 1838. They had seven children: Joseph William Jr., Samuel John, Isabel, Clara Alice Anna, Emily Jane, Adelaide Mary, and Herbert James. The parents and all of the children except Samuel came to New York in 1884. Joseph William died in 1905 at about the age of 82 years. Mary Ann died in 1914 at the age of 76 years. They are buried in Mt. Olivet cemetery, Maspeth, New York.
- II-2. Isabella Allen, Grannie's aunt. Married William Allen White and they lived in Chicago.
- II-3. Ellen Allen, Grannie's aunt. She married \_\_\_\_\_ Purvis and they had a son John, who lived in Baltimore. There may have been another son, James. Also, they took care of a nephew, John Quinn.
- II-4. Sarah Allen, Grannie's aunt. She married \_\_\_\_\_ Richardson.
- II-5. William Allen, Grannie's uncle.
- II-6. Samuel Allen, Grannie's uncle. He had a son named William. My mother remembered him.
- II-7. Maggie (Mary) Allen, Grannie's aunt. Grannie didn't remember much about this aunt. She married a man named Quinn and they had a son, John, who was raised by his Aunt Ellen.
- III-1. Joseph William Allen, Jr. Grannie's brother. He was born in Preston, England on January 26, 1860. He married Polly Jackson and their children were Herbert, Ernest, and several others. He came to the United States with his parents, but after a couple of years he returned to England for good. His career was in the British navy.
- III-2. Samuel John Allen, Grannie's brother. He was born in Canterbury, Kent, England on March 10, 1862. He enlisted in the King's Royal Irish Hussars about 1880 and served for 12 years in Punjab, India. He was wounded in the Boer War and was sent to Kimberley Hospital. He did not accompany his parents to the United States. He married and had five children: Rosalind, Stanley, Fred and two others (Samuel, Harold). He died in England.

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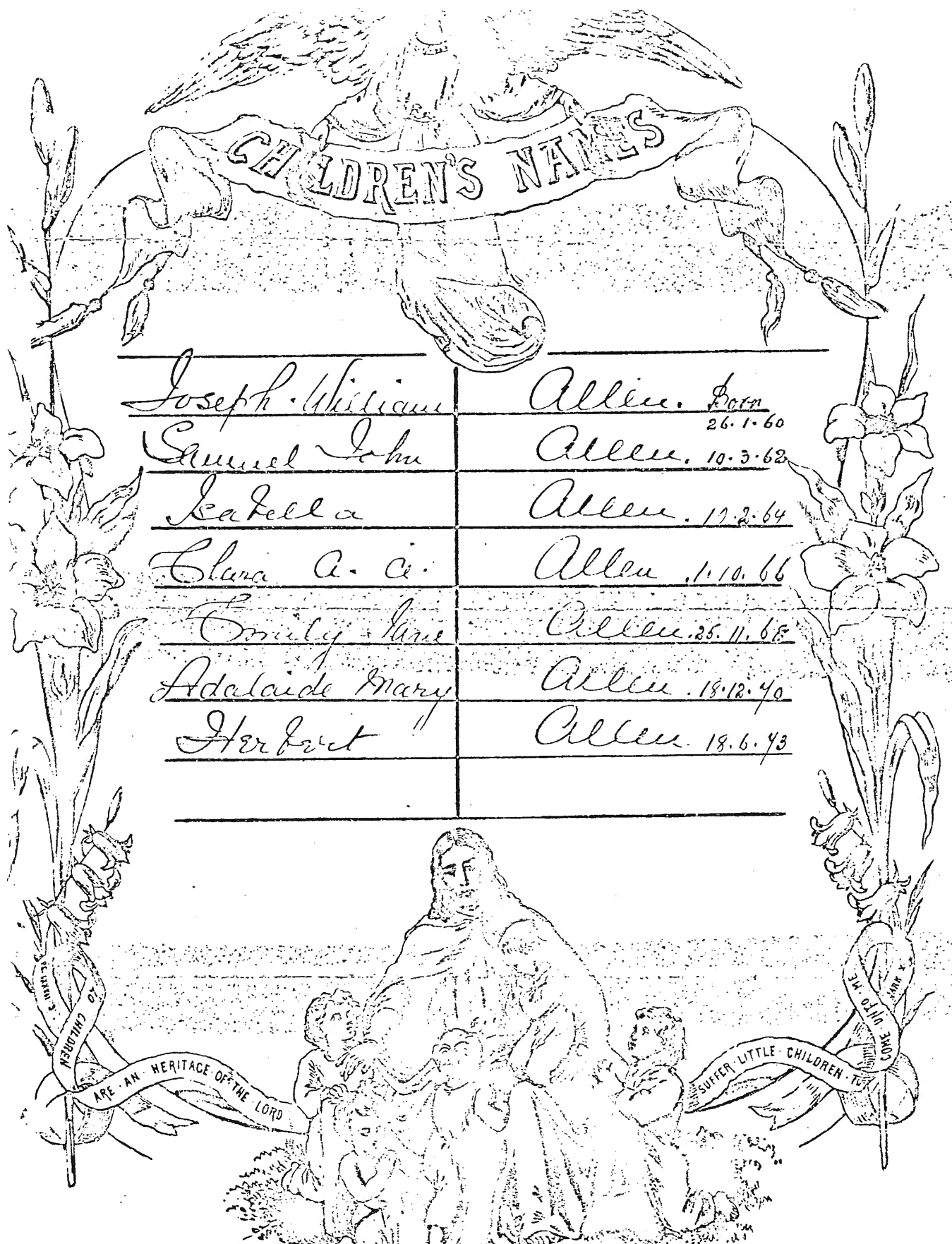
- III-3. Isabel (Bella) Allen, Grannie's sister. She was born in Dublin, Ireland on October 2, 1864. She came to the United States, and married Alf Batchelor. They had no children, but for awhile she kept her brother Herbert's children. One account says she died after a short illness. Another says she died in the Chicago Opera House fire. This probably was the Iroquois Theater fire in 1903 in which 602 people perished.
- III-4. Clara Alice Anna Allen, Grannie's sister. She was born in England on October 1, 1866 and came to the United States with her parents. She married (1) Henry Helriegel and they had five children: Henry, Margaret, Frank, Bella, and Albert. Clara was married a second time to (2) Weir. There were no children from this marriage. I visited my mother's Aunt Clara in Hempstead, Long Island, 1940. She was the only one of Grannie's brothers and sisters I remember seeing. She died on March 16, 1944.
- III-5. Emily Jane Allen, Grannie's sister. She was born in Warrington, Lancaster, England on November 25, 1868, and came with her parents to the United States. She married (1) Bernard Filgrave and they had one daughter, Adelaide (Little Addie). She married a second time to (2) Frank Fehring, and they had two sons, Frank and Harold. My mother's Aunt Emily was still living in June, 1944. My mother saw her at that time when she came to Long Island for my wedding. Emily and Frank are buried in Cedar Grove cemetery, Flushing, Long Island. Emily died on March 27, 1945.
- III-6. Adelaide Mary Allen, my grandmother, Grannie. She was born in Warrington, Lancaster, England on December 18, 1870. Her father was then about 46 years old. When Grannie was 13 years old her father brought the family to New York, arriving March 31, 1884. Grannie married Henry Traugott Meyer in Brooklyn on November 7, 1888. Their four children were all born in Brooklyn: Emil Joseph (who died in infancy), Adelaide Mary, William Joseph, and Elizabeth Emily. Grannie and her husband took the family to Mexico in 1898. Henry Meyer died in Mexico City on December 17, 1915 and is buried in the old British cemetery. He is buried next to my paternal grandmother, Sylvia McLellan. Grannie came to San Antonio in 1916, and died there on May 7, 1964. She is buried in Mission cemetery.
- III-7. Herbert James Allen, Grannie's brother. Herbert was born in Warrington, Lancaster, England on June 18, 1873. He came with his parents to New York. He married Mamie \_\_\_\_\_ and they had three children: Mae Adelaide, Grace, and Albert. For a time his children lived with his sister Bella. Herbert is buried in Mt. Olivet cemetery, Maspeth, Long Island.

Grannie recalled that when she was very young, at the time Herbert was born, the family lived on Garibaldi Street in Warrington. In 1970 Kay and I visited Warrington, and found Garibaldi Street in an old part of town. The old row houses on the 2-block long street were being demolished.



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- IV. Fourth Generation Allens. These were Grannie's nieces and nephews, and my mother's cousins. The information on these relatives is very limited, so they are not listed individually.
- IV-1. Joseph William's family. The family lived in England, and only the names of two of the sons are known.
- IV-2. Samuel John's family. Samuel did not come to the United States, and his five children grew up in England: Rosalind (Rose), Stanley, Fred and two others. Grannie kept in limited touch with Rosalind who married a man named ~~Arthur~~<sup>Alfred</sup> Phillips. During World War II Rosalind was in charge of a hospital in Bromley, Kent, near London. Letters Grannie wrote to Rosalind after the war were returned, marked Moved Away. Fred married Mona Atherton. Nothing is known about the others.
- IV-3. Isabel Allen's family. Bella married Alf Batchelor, but they had no children.
- IV-4. Clara Alice Anna's family. She had five children from her first husband, none from the second. Her oldest son Henry married, but had no children. He died in 1958. Margaret Helriegel married a man named Kreamer and they had two children, Clara and Edwin. Frank had a daughter Theresa who married John Cholefsky, and they lived in Wallingford, Conn. Frank also had a son. Bella Helriegel married a man named Holland and they had one daughter, Clara. Nothing is known about Albert.
- IV-5. Emily's family. Emily had a daughter by her first marriage, Adelaide. This was my mother's cousin Little Addie, with whom she kept in close touch for many years. Adelaide married Frank Davis, and they lived in Queen's Village, on Long Island. They had one daughter, Edna, who was one of Kay's bridesmaids when we were married. Adelaide and Frank moved later to Rockville Center, Long Island, and after Adelaide died Frank remarried. Edna married Richard Hausmann and they lived in Cheshire, Conn. with their daughter, Cheryl. Edna has died and her daughter is married. My mother's Aunt Emily was married a second time to (2) Frank Fehring. There were two sons, Frank and Harold. Frank Jr. and his wife Lillian visited my mother several times in San Antonio.
- IV-6. Adelaide Mary's family. See the Meyer Genealogy for Grannie's family.
- IV-7. Herbert James family. Herbert had a daughter named Mae Adelaide who married Frank Burns. They lived in Jamaica, Long Island, and I visited at their home. They had a daughter named Grace. Herbert had a second daughter who was named Grace, and she married Ronald Wright, and had two daughters. Herbert's son was named Albert Allen, and he married Betty \_\_\_\_\_. Betty Allen later married Sidney Train and they lived in Barrington, New Jersey. I once took my mother to visit them.



Carnagh

23<sup>rd</sup> July 59

Dear Joseph

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to have to inform you that  
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to day and in a day or  
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Break this off to Mary Anne  
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Letter Written to Grannie's Father

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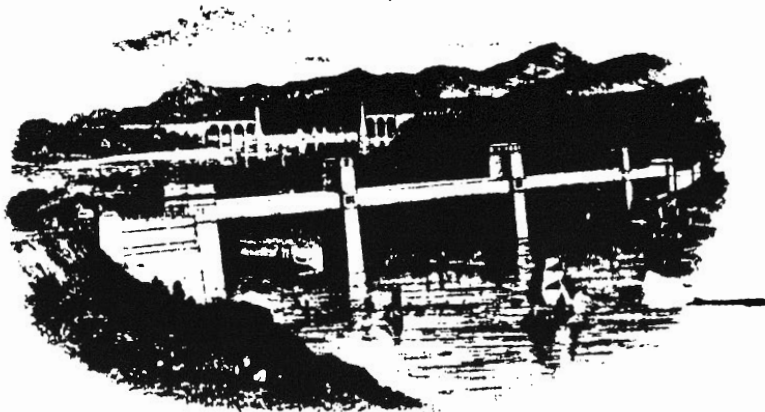
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The Britannia Tubular and Menai  
Suspension Bridges

Bangor Sept 2/61

Sagt. Joseph Allen 25th Rgt.

Sir

Your sister Mary who is traveling with  
my mother as maid desires me to inform  
you that she will be in London on or  
about the 15th inst. and intends visiting  
you at Aldershot.

Please inform me, by return mail, what  
day you are most at leisure. Address  
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Yours respectfully,

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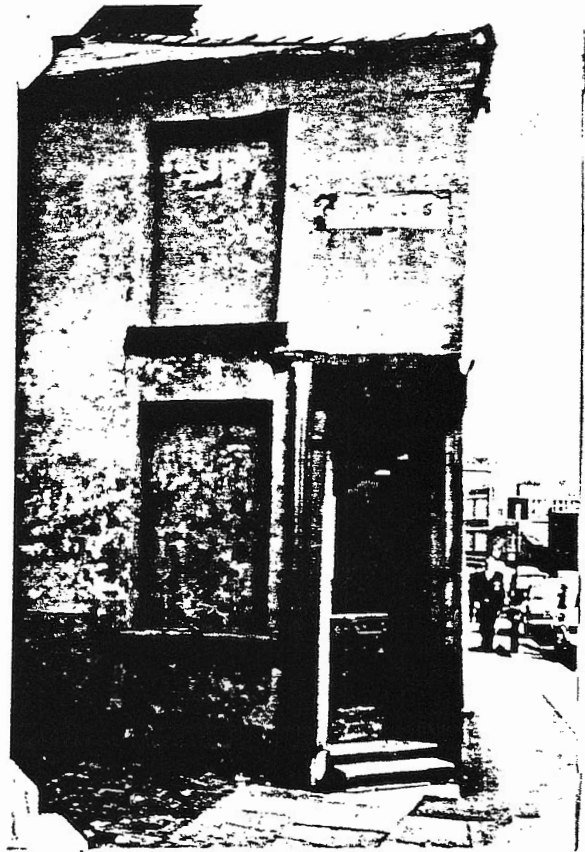
Picture taken in England of Joseph William Allen, Grannie's father, in his British army uniform.



Grannie's mother. Picture taken in Brooklyn of Mary Ann Allen, wife of Joseph William Allen.



Adelaide Meyer, "Grannie,"  
on her 85th birthday, San  
Antonio, Texas, December  
18, 1955.



Old corner store in Warrington,  
Lancaster, England, June 26, 1970.  
The street sign reads GARIBALDI ST.



Clara Helriegel,  
Grannie's sister,  
Brooklyn, 1913



Old row houses on Garibaldi Street,  
Warrington, England, boarded up and  
awaiting demolition, June 26, 1970.

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History of the Meyer Family

The first member for whom we have information was Jacob Fuelemeier, a silk weaver born in Basel, Switzerland. Basel is on the Rhine River at a point where France, Germany and Switzerland join together. Sometime before 1869 Jacob came to the United States, and he then sent for his fiancée, Elisabeth (Liseta) Maas. Elisabeth was born in Lörrach, Germany, today a suburb of Basel. (Kay and I visited Lörrach in 1971. It is a quite modern residential area).

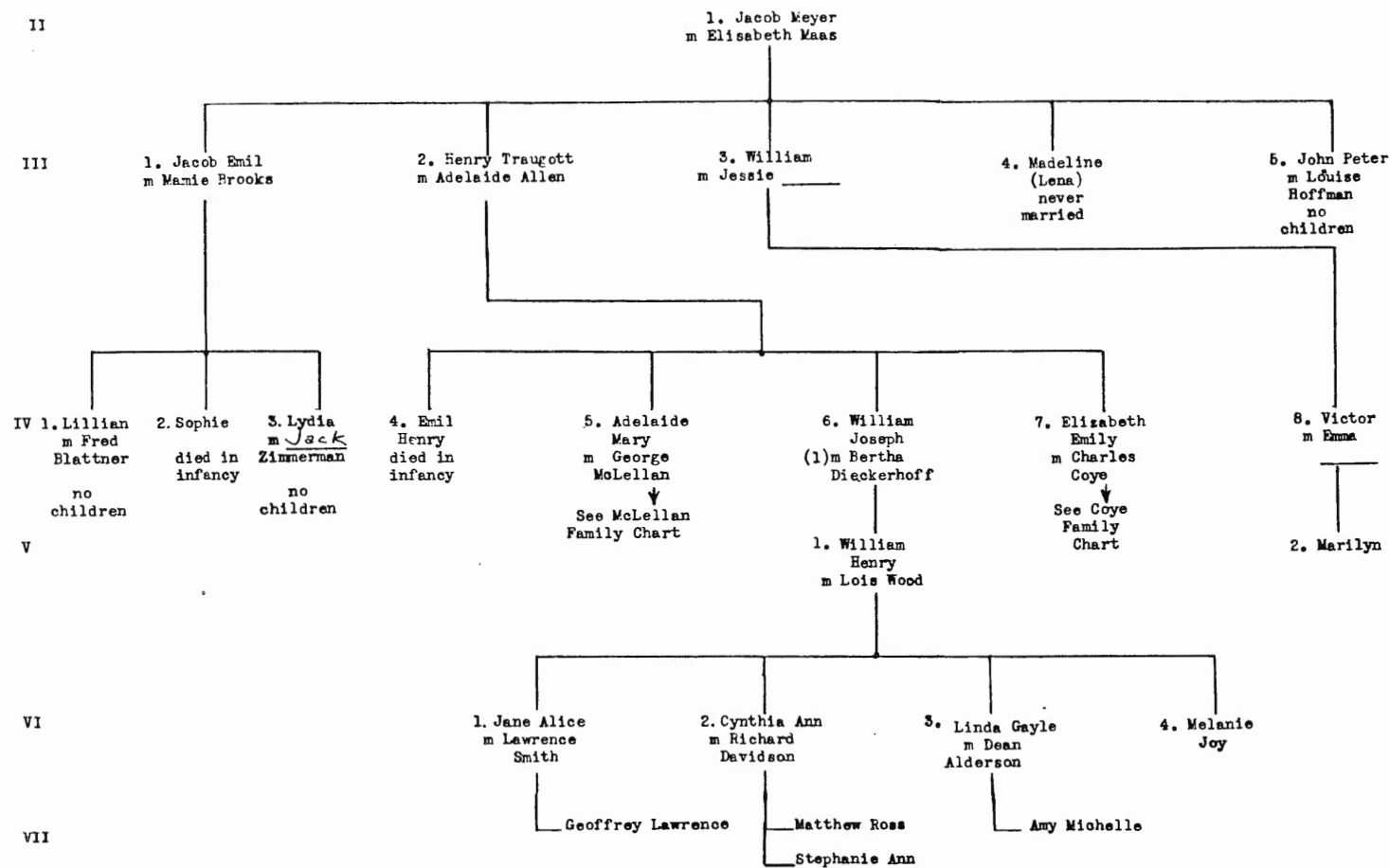
Elisabeth had a half-sister who also came to the United States and married a man named Stump. The Stumps were married in Brooklyn on April 14, 1872, and the witnesses listed on the marriage certificate were Jacob Fuelemeier and Liseta Fuelemeier. The Stumps had two children, William and Mamie. William never married, and in later life he worked in New York City as a bank guard. Adelaide McLellan kept in touch with him, and he once came to San Antonio on a visit. When I lived in New York he was retired, and lived in Harrison, New Jersey. I went to see him several times, and I went to his funeral.

Sometime after 1872 Jacob shortened the family name to Meyer. He and his wife had five children, all born in New York. They were Emil, Henry, William, Lena and John. The boys all married, but their sister did not. Henry married Adelaide Allen, my grandmother. Henry and some of his brothers were printers and lithographers. Emil and Henry worked for the American Bank Note Company, and apparently the company sent these two to Mexico in 1898. My grandmother and her three children went to Mexico and so did Emil's two daughters, Lillian and Lydia. I am uncertain about Emil's wife. I don't know if she went to Mexico or not. Lillian and Lydia had half-sisters who lived in New York, Mrs. John Fraas and Mrs. Paul Fraas, so possibly their mother had two marriages. Aunt Lena went to Mexico and took care of her brother's children. In later years Aunt Lena lived with Lillian and Lydia in South Carolina, and she died there.

The other two Meyer brothers stayed in the United States. In 1933 George McLellan and I visited the Chicago Century of Progress Fair. While there we saw our great Uncle Bill who was a printer, and was living alone. He had one son, then living in Ohio. John Meyer remained in New York, and died quite young. His widow, my great Aunt Louise, lived in Elmont, New York. She had no children. Elmont was close to Garden City and I often went to see her when I lived on Long Island. She died in a hospital at Smithtown, and I went to her funeral.

My cousin, William Henry Meyer, and Victor Meyer are the only surviving male members of the Meyer family. When I last heard Victor was living in Palmetto, Florida. He had one daughter who was named Marilyn. Billito Meyer has four daughters and no sons so there is no one to continue the Meyer name.

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**MEYER Family**

LEGEND

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d daughter  
s son  
— name unknown



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Meyer Genealogy

- II-1. Jacob Meyer (originally Fuelemeier), Adelaide McLellan's grandfather, silk weaver, was born in Basel, Switzerland. He came to the United States, sometime about in the 1860's. He sent for Elisabeth (Liseta) Maas, a native of Lórrach, Germany, and they were married in New York. They had five children, born in Brooklyn: Jacob Emil, Henry Traugott, William, Madeline, and John Peter. Elisabeth Meyer died in New York in about 1915, at the age of 63 years.
- III-1. Jacob Emil Meyer, Adelaide McLellan's uncle. He was a printer and lithographer. He married Mamie Brooks, and they had three children: Lillian, Sophie (died in infancy), and Lydia. He went to Mexico in about 1898, taking his two daughters. There is no information about his wife. Emil died in Mexico when he was about 50 years old.
- III-2. Henry Traugott Meyer, Adelaide McLellan's father. He was born in New York on February 6, 1869 and was a printer and lithographer like his brother. He married Adelaide Mary Allen in Brooklyn on November 7, 1888. They had four children: Emil Henry (died in infancy), Adelaide Mary, William Joseph, and Elizabeth Emily. He took his family to Mexico in 1898. Henry died of typhus in Mexico City on December 17, 1915 at the age of 46 years and is buried in the old British cemetery there.
- III-3. William Meyer, Adelaide McLellan's uncle. He married Jessie and they had one son, Victor. George McLellan and I went to Chicago in 1933 to the World's Fair and while we were there we visited our great uncle. He was a lithographer, and was living alone.
- III-4. Madeline (Lena) Meyer, Adelaide McLellan's aunt. She was born in New York in 1875 and was never married. She moved to Mexico City and took care of her brother Emil's children, Lillian and Lydia. Later, she lived with them in Florence, South Carolina. I can remember when she visited us many years ago in San Antonio. She died in Florence in 1934.
- III-5. John Peter Meyer, Adelaide McLellan's uncle. He married Louise Hoffman? and they had no children. He died in New York at the age of 42 years. When I lived in Garden City, Long Island, I used to go see my great Aunt Louise who was living nearby, in Elmont. She died at Smithtown, Long Island on May 31, 1967 at the age of 87 years. I went to her funeral.
- IV-1. Lillian Meyer, Adelaide McLellan's cousin. Lillian was born in New York and went to Mexico as a child. She married Fred Blattner, a railroad engineer, and lived for many years in Florence, South Carolina. They had no children. She and her sister Lydia always kept in close touch with my mother, and they visited her several times in San Antonio. She died in Florence.
- IV-2. Sophie Meyer, Adelaide McLellan's cousin. Died in infancy in New York.

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- IV-3. Lydia Meyer, Adelaide McLellan's cousin. She was born in New York and went to Mexico as a child. She married Jack Zimmerman, a railroad engineer, and they had no children. In later years she lived with her sister Lillian in Florence, South Carolina. Lillian and Lydia had two half-sisters who lived in New York, Mrs. John Fraas and Mrs. Paul Fraas. I am not clear about this relationship, but apparently their mother was married more than once. Lydia outlived her sister, and died in Florence on January 5, 1975.
- IV-4. Emil Henry Meyer, Grannie's oldest son. He was born in Brooklyn on January 18, 1890 and died at the age of 8 months on September 15, 1890.
- IV-5. Adelaide Mary Meyer, Grannie's daughter. She was born in Brooklyn on December 10, 1891 and went with her family to Mexico as a child. She married George Burlington McLellan in Mexico City on June 14, 1911. See McLellan Geneology.
- IV-6. William Joseph Meyer, Grannie's son. He was born in Brooklyn on October 16, 1893, and went to Mexico as a child. He went to school in Mexico, and served with the U. S. Army in France during World War I. He married (1) Alwine Bertha Dieckerhoff on August 28, 1920. Bertha Dieckerhoff was born in New Braunfels, Texas on January 7, 1900. They had one son, William Henry Meyer, born in Mexico City, Mexico on December 11, 1921. William Joseph Meyer was married a second time to (2) Alice LaRue Haines in Contaura, Venezuela on December 14, 1945. Alice Haines was born in Westminster, Maryland on August 1, 1913. William J. Meyer worked for a number of years in San Tomé, Venezuela and after retirement he lived in Austin, Texas where he died on November 13, 1966. He is buried in the U. S. National cemetery at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Bertha Meyer died in San Antonio on April 21, 1984 and is buried in New Braunfels, Texas.
- IV-7. Elizabeth Emily Meyer, Grannie's daughter. She was born in Brooklyn, New York on March 15, 1895 and went to school in Mexico City, Mexico. She married Charles Sibley Coye in Newark, New Jersey on September 15, 1913. See Coye Geneology.
- IV-8. Victor Meyer, Grannie's nephew. There is very little information about this relative. He lived in Cleveland, Ohio for many years and was married to Emma \_\_\_\_\_. They had one daughter, Marilyn, and at last report were living in Palmetto, Florida.
- V. William Henry (Billito) Meyer, Jack McLellan's cousin. Bill was an only son, and was born in Mexico City on December 11, 1921. His family moved to San Antonio where he attended school. He served with the U. S. Air Force in Europe during World War II. He married Lois LaVerne Wood in San Antonio on November 26, 1950. Lois Wood was born at Leon Springs, Texas on January 3, 1933. They lived for a number of years in Venezuela and then returned to San Antonio. They had four daughters: Jane Alice, Cynthia Ann, Linda Gayle, and Melanie Joy.

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- VI-1. Jane Alice Meyer was born in San Tomé, Venezuela on July 23, 1953. Attended school in San Antonio, Texas and graduated from the University of Texas at Lubbock. She married Lawrence Ray Smith in San Antonio on June 21, 1975. Lawrence was born in Brownfield, Texas on December 2, 1948 and has a doctorate in chemistry from the University of Texas at Lubbock. They have one son, Geoffrey Lawrence Smith, born in San Antonio on December 1, 1978.
- VI-2. Cynthia Ann Meyer was born in San Tomé, Venezuela on December 3, 1955 and attended school in San Antonio. She married Richard Ross Davidson in San Antonio on February 18, 1978. Richard was born in Austin, Texas on March 10, 1954. They have two children: Matthew Ross Davidson, born in Galveston, Texas on December 27, 1982 and Stephanie Ann Davidson, born in Dallas, Texas on August 27, 1984.
- VI-3. Linda Gayle Meyer was born in San Antonio, Texas on July 31, 1959 and attended school in San Antonio. Linda received a degree in nursing from the University of Texas at Austin. She married Dean Thomas Alderson in San Antonio on March 14, 1981. Dean was born in San Antonio on January 17, 1957 and has an engineering degree. They have one daughter, Amy Michelle Alderson, born in San Antonio on May 3, 1984.
- VI-4. Melanie Joy Meyer was born in San Antonio, Texas on August 10, 1970 and is attending school in San Antonio.

Meyer Family Pictures

Right: Elisabeth Meyer with her granddaughters, Lillian and Lydia Meyer, Brooklyn, New York, in the late 1890's.

Below: John Peter Meyer, uncle of Adelaide McLellan, Brooklyn, 1913.

Below, right: Street scene in Lörrach, Germany, suburb of Basel, Switzerland, 1971. This was the birthplace of Elisabeth Meyer.



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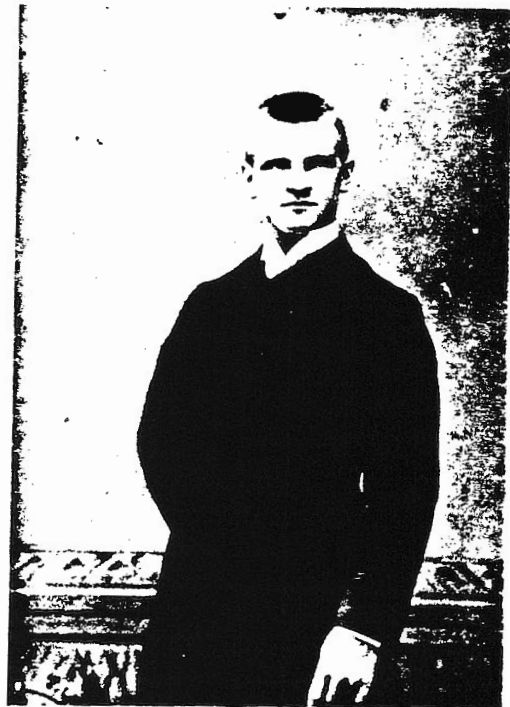


Madeline (Lena) Meyer and her brother  
William Meyer, aunt and uncle of Ade-  
laide McLellan. Pictures taken in  
Brooklyn in the 1890's.

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Adelaide Mary Allen. Picture taken in Brooklyn in 1887 when Grannie was 17 years old.



Henry Traugott Meyer, Grannie's husband. Picture taken in Brooklyn in about 1888.



Grannie and her family. Picture taken in about 1906 in Mexico City.

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Left above - Leo J. Huber III at four months of age, November 13, 1944.

Above - Leo, Allene, and Leo III, New Orleans, April, 1968



Left - Leo J. Huber III, name on Vietnam Memorial, Washington, D. C., September, 1984.



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Sundmaker Family  
Pictures

Upper left: Earl and  
Helen

Upper right: Earl III,  
Earl Jr.,  
Betty and  
Robb

Lower left: Ken Sr.,  
Ken Jr.,  
Joan and  
Kelly  
Carite

Lower right: Don and  
Pam  
Peters





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George B. McLellan and  
Charles S. Coye at River-  
side Drive, San Antonio,  
1916.

Left: Elizabeth Coye,  
William J. Meyer, Adelaide  
Meyer, and Adelaide McLellan,  
San Antonio, March, 1964.



Charles S. and Eliza-  
beth Coye with Sibley  
and Helen, San Antonio,  
about 1916.



Allene, Billy, George, Billito, Helen,  
and Jack, San Antonio, 1932.



Picture taken August 17, 1960 of five generations -- Allen, Meyer, Coye.  
Adelaide Allen Meyer, December 18, 1870; Elizabeth Meyer Coye, March  
15, 1895; Sibley Henry Coye, June 28, 1914; Patricia Coye Corona,  
February 19, 1941; Dawn Marie Corona, May 8, 1960.

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Left - Elizabeth and Charles  
Coye, November 20, 1921



Above - Helen, Sibley and  
Allene Coye, about 1926

Below - Erin and Sibley Coye,  
New Orleans, March, 1985.



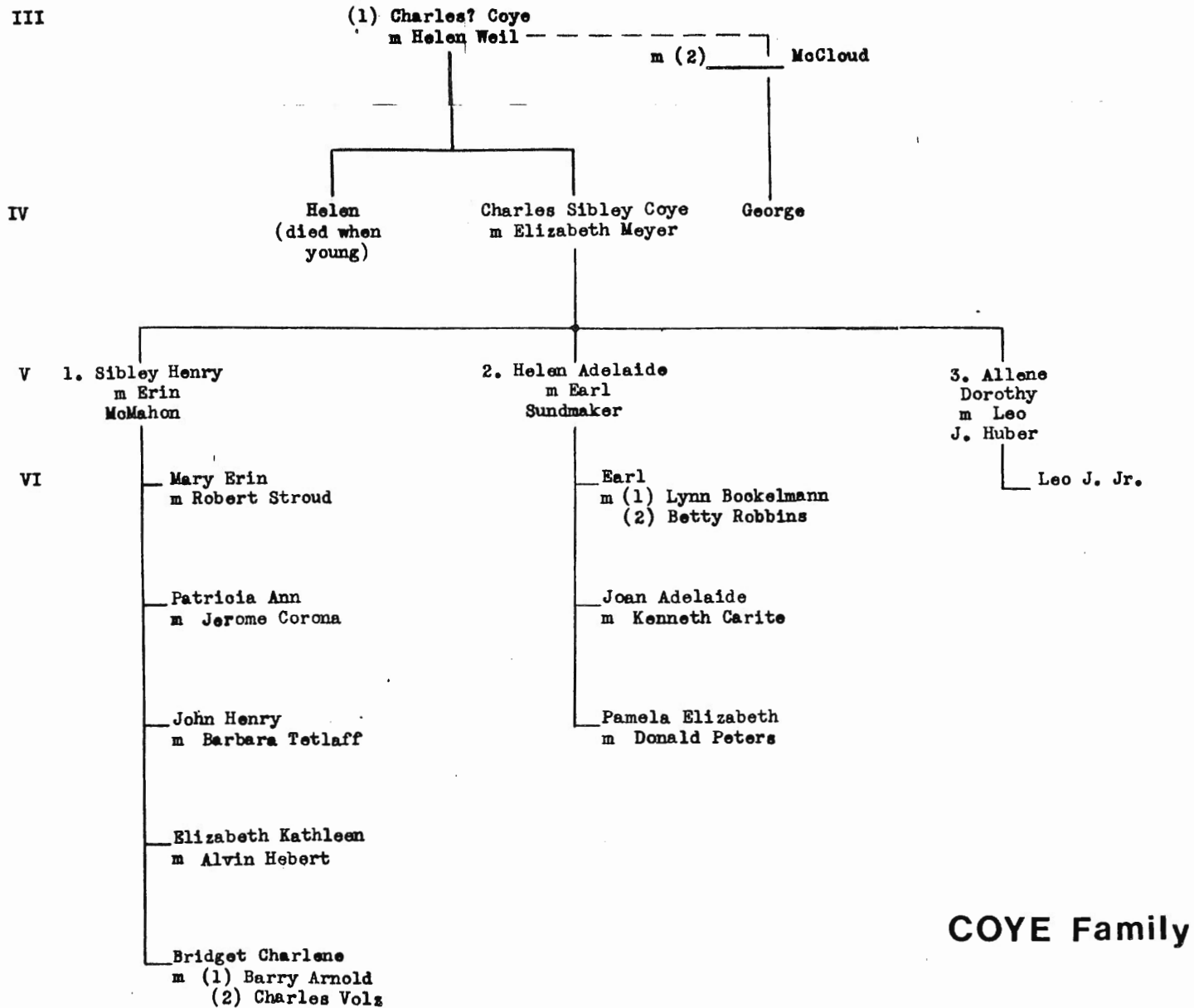
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- VII. Theresa Ann Coye married Thomas Nihill (born January 27, 1961) in Wheaton, Ill. on August 11, 1984.
- VI. Elizabeth Kathleen Coye married Alvin Joseph (Boogie) Hebert (born February 25, 1943 in New Orleans) on January 4, 1964 in New Orleans. They had two children: Alvin Joseph Hebert Jr., born September 30, 1964 and died in an accident on September 17, 1983; and Madeline Ann, born July 28, 1967 in Metairie, Louisiana.
- VI. Bridget Charlene Coye married (1) Barry Arnold (born January 11, 1948) in New Orleans on July 6, 1968. Barry died in an accident on February 28, 1969. Charlene later married Charles Volz (born December 14, 1939) on March 8, 1970. Charles died on March 9, 1973.
- V - 2. Helen Adelaide Coye went to schools in San Antonio and New Orleans. She married Earl Ferdinand Sundmaker on October 16, 1935 in New Orleans. They had three children: Earl Ferdinand Jr., born October 11, 1936; Joan Adelaide, born September 8, 1938; and Pamela Elizabeth, born September 23, 1949.
- Earl Jr. married (1) Lynn Bockelmann and they had one daughter, Kim Mary, born September 7, 1961. Kim married Jeffe Gasse on August 10, 1983. Earl was remarried to (2) Betty Joan Robbins on May 21, 1966. Betty was the daughter of Walter Herbert and Edna Orlena Dean Robbins, and was born on March 5, 1943. Earl and Betty have two sons: Earl III, born May 18, 1970 and Robb Langdon, born September 15, 1973.
- Joan Adelaide married Kenneth Raymond Carite on June 25, 1961. Ken's parents were Gustave Anthony Carite (born July 9, 1910, died July 2, 1958) and Agnes Burnette Walker Carite (born January 8, 1907, died June 3, 1984). Joan and Kenneth have three children: Kenneth Raymond Jr., born July 18, 1962; Karen René, born July 6, 1964; and Kelly Ruth, born August 14, 1965.
- Pamela Eliabeth married Donald Arthur Peters, who was born June 21, 1944. His parents were Arthur Peters (born July 31, 1903, died December 24, 1951) and Christine Moldaner Peters (born May 29, 1906). Pam and Don have two daughters, Michelle Collette, born October 1, 1970, and Jennifer Jeanne, born September 21, 1973.
- V - 3. Allene Dorothy Coye attended schools in San Antonio and New Orleans. She married Leo John Huber, Jr. who was born in New Orleans on March 15, 1916. Leo's parents were Leo J. Huber Sr. (born September 3, 1882, died April 19, 1951) and Augusta Wehrlin Huber (born March 28, 1885, died January 24, 1969). Allene and Leo had one son, Leo J. III, born in New Orleans on July 13, 1944. Leo Huber III died in Vietnam in the service of his country on May 18, 1969. Leo Huber Jr. died in New Orleans on May 18, 1976.

Coye Genealogy

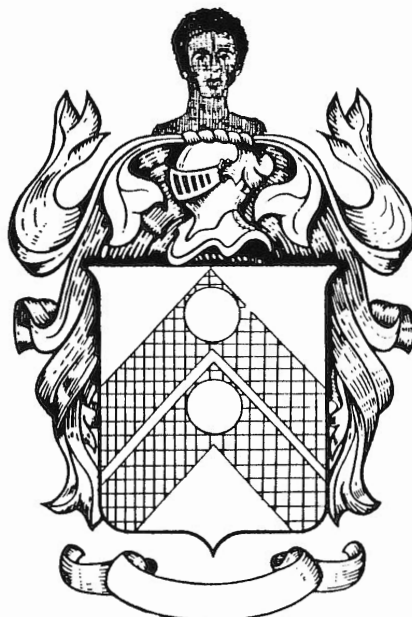
- III. Not much information is available on the early history of the Coye family. Grandfather Coye, whose name probably was Charles, was a sea captain, and he married Helen Weil, who was born in Mexico. They had two children: Helen, who died when she was young, and Charles Sibley, born on April 29, 1887 in Norristown, Pennsylvania. Helen remarried several times. She married a man named McCloud and they had one son, George, who lived for awhile in San Antonio, and then Corpus Christi. She later married a man named Coates, and when we were growing up in San Antonio in the 1920's we all knew her as Granny Coates.
- IV. Charles Sibley Coye married Elizabeth Emily Meyer in Newark, New Jersey on September 15, 1913. Elizabeth was born on March 15, 1895 in Brooklyn, New York (see the Meyer family history). They had three children: Sibley Henry, born on June 28, 1914 in Corona, New York; Helen Adelaide, born February 16, 1916 in San Antonio; and Allene Dorothy, born on September 1, 1917 in San Antonio. The family lived in Mexico, San Antonio, Columbia, and settled permanently in New Orleans, Louisiana. Charles Coye died there on February 21, 1949 and Elizabeth Coye died there on November 11, 1976.
- V-1. Sibley Henry Coye attended schools in San Antonio and New Orleans. He married Mary Erin McMahon on August 23, 1938 in New Orleans. Erin was born in New Orleans on August 15, 1914. They had five children, all born in New Orleans: Mary Erin, born June 14, 1939; Patricia Ann, born February 19, 1941; John Henry, born April 12, 1942; Elizabeth Kathleen, born May 14, 1945; and Bridget Charlene, born April 29, 1946.
- VI. Mary Erin married Robert Arlen Stroud (born November 26, 1937) in New Orleans on October 16, 1965. Erin and Robert have two children: Shannon Denai, born August 15, 1967; and Robert Arlen, 2nd, born December 27, 1968.
- VI. Patricia Ann married Jerome Frank Corona (born November 12, 1938) in New Orleans on August 22, 1959. They had five children, all born in New Orleans: Dawn Marie Corona, born May 8, 1960, who had her picture taken with her greatgreat grandmother; Catherine Ann Corona, born March 27, 1962; Anthony Joseph Corona, born April 26, 1964; Robert Jerome Corona, born April 18, 1965; and Michael John Corona, born February 22, 1968.
- VII. Three of Patsy and Jerry's children are married. Dawn Marie married Bruce Rene Saltalamachia (born June 15, 1959) and they had two children: Kelley Nicole, born April 1, 1980; and Bruce Rene Jr., born December 19, 1983, but did not survive.
- VII. Catherine Ann married Raymond Chatelain (born June 26, 1960) on March 6, 1982 in Metairie, Louisiana.
- VII. Anthony Joseph married Robin McNulty on June 28, 1985 in Metairie, La.
- VI. John Henry married Barbara Tetlaff (born May 5, 1944, in Chicago, Ill.) on May 28, 1961 in New Orleans. Jack and Barbara have five children: Theresa Ann, born March 23, 1962 in New Orleans; Janet, born August 26, 1965 in Wheaton, Ill.; Jaki Lyn, born June 16, 1967 in Wheaton, Ill.; Christine Rebecca, born November 22, 1968 in Wheaton, Ill.; and John Henry Jr., born January 19, 1970.

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## Coat of Arms

## Historiography



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The Mc Lellan Coat of Arms illustrated left was drawn by an heraldic artist from information officially recorded in ancient heraldic archives. Documentation for the Mc Lellan Coat of Arms design can be found in Burke's General Armory. Heraldic artists of old developed their own unique language to describe an individual Coat of Arms. In their language, the Arms (shield) is as follows:

"Ar. two chev. sa. each charged with a plate."

When translated the Arms description is:

"Silver: two black chevrons, each charged with a silver circle."

Above the shield and helmet is the Crest which is described as:

"A moor's head and neck ppr."

A translation of the Crest description is:

"A moor's head and neck natural color."

Family mottos are believed to have originated as battle cries in medieval times.

The Motto recorded with the Mc Lellan Coat of Arms is:

"SAPIT QUI REPUTAT"  
(He Who Considers Is Wise)

Individual surnames originated for the purpose of more specific identification. The four primary sources for second names were: occupation, location, father's name and personal characteristics. The surname Mc Lellan appears to be patronymical in origin, and is believed to be associated with the Scot's, meaning, "son of the servant of St. Favlan (little wolf)." The supplementary sheet included with this report is designed to give you more information to further your understanding of the origin of names. Different spellings of the same original surname are a common occurrence. Dictionaries of surnames indicate probable spelling variations. The most prominent variations of Mc Lellan are Mac Lellan, Mc Lelland and Mac Lelland.

Census records available disclose the fact there are approximately 1400 heads of households in the United States with the old and distinguished Mc Lellan name. The United States Census Bureau estimates there are approximately 3.2 persons per household in America today which yields an approximate total of 4480 people in the United States carrying the Mc Lellan name. Although the figure seems relatively low, it does not signify the many important contributions that individuals bearing the Mc Lellan name have made to history.

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McLellans in the United States

The Genealogy Department of the New York Public Library has two typewritten reports by Rev. Charles N. Sinnett which had been commissioned by Miss Charlotte McLellan of Topeka, Kansas. I read these reports in May, 1973:

Sinnett, C. N., The McLellan Genealogy, 1925  
Sinnett, C. N., The McLellan Family in Maine and the West, 1925.

According to these reports, most of the McLellans in the United States descended from Sir Hugh McLellan of Argyll, Scotland. He and some other Scotch noblemen, all Presbyterians, moved to northern Ireland to escape burdensome taxes. There were three McLellan brothers, born in County Antrim, Ireland, who came to America. They were Scots, not Irishmen. There was Hugh, James, and Bryce McLellan who arrived in the United States at different times during the period 1718 - 1733. Hugh and James lived at various places in Maine, finally settling in Falmouth, now part of Portland. Bryce settled nearby in Gorham.

The descendants of these three brothers spread to various parts of the United States. Halbert mentions census figures of 1400 McLellan households in this country. It is clear, of course, that our families have no recent relationship with the McLellans in the United States.

When I was working in the Pan Am Building in New York City in the 1970's I sometimes got mail addressed to Mr. J. H. McLellan or Mr. James H. McLellan that was not for me. It turned out that there was a James McLellan in the building who was a vice president of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. I met him and he told me that his family had no relatives in the United States. He was born in Scotland and brought here as an infant by his parents.

I have seen conflicting reports on whether or not there was a Clan McLellan. When Kay and I were in Edinburgh I bought a plaid necktie, and the clerk brought out a big thick book on the Scottish Clans. I was told that the McLellans were a sept or division of Clan MacDonald. A few years ago I received a letter from Dr. Crawford R. McLellan, 16718 Doyle Road, Baton Rouge, La. 70816 asking me to subscribe to some sort of a geneological study, and the letter said:

"The name was once spelled MacLellan, and was not a sept of McLennan, McNabb, or MacDonald. Read The History of Galloway by MacKenzie for names of dominant families in this area of Scotland during the 13-17th centuries."

One other bit of McLellana. When Kay bought a golden retriever, our dog Bonnie, she sent off for a book on the history of the breed. The breed was developed in England by an English nobleman. The book had a picture of the keeper of the kennels, a dour Scot named Duncan McLellan.

In Clans, Septs, and Regiments of the Scottish Highlands, by Frank Adam, it says, "A colony of Maclellans is found in Morar, Inverness. Also, some Maclellans are found in the Aberfeldy district of Perth."



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MACCLELLAN, MACCLELLAND, MACLELAND, MACLALLAND, MACLELLAN, and MACLELLAND. G. Mac Gill Fhaolain (the Gillafaelan of the genealogical ms. of 1467), 'son of the servant of (S.) Fillan.' Fillan, Elr. *Faelan*, OIr. *Failan*, is a reduced form of *faelchu*, from *fail*, now *faol*, 'a wolf.' Maclellans were numerous in Galloway in the latter end of the fourteenth century, and they gave name to Balmaclellan (i.e. Maclellan's town) in the Stewartry. M'Kerlie (iii, p. 82) says the lands were granted to John Maclellan by James III in February, 1466, when his name was given to the lands on his bestowing a site for a new church, but I have found no record of this. The lands are mentioned in 1457, in which year Sir Alexander Boyd had sasine of them (ER., vi, p. 347). John M'Lelane filius Dunggalli Johnstone had a charter of the lands of Balmaclellane from Vedastus Geresone, dominus de Lag, which received the royal confirmation in August, 1466 (RMS., ii, 907). The earliest record of the surname is in 1305-6 when Patrick, son of Gilbert M'Lolane, with several others, took the Castle of Dumfries from followers of Bruce (*Bain*, iv, 389). In the reign of David II, Gilbert McGillolane appears as Captain of Clenconnan in Galloway (RMS., i, App. ii, 912), a clan of which there is no other record. As Gylbert McLolane he appears as juror on an inquisition at Dumfries in 1367 (RHM., ii, p. 64). Gillebertus MacLelan Calvediensis (i.e. of Galloway) was elected bishop of Man and the Sudreys (i.e. the South Isles) before 1325 and held the see for two and a half years (*Chronica Regum Manniae*, 1860, p. 30). Matthew McLolan, knight, and Gilbert, son of Gilbert McLolan, were witnesses, 1347 (*Pap. Lett.*, iii, p. 396). Cane McGillolane witnessed the foundation charter of Sweetheart Abbey in 1359 (*Genealogist*, new ser. xvi, p. 218). In 1381 John Maklolan petitioned for a benefice in the gift of the abbot and convent of Glenluce (Gleynluis) in the diocese of Whiteherne (*Pap. Pet.*, i, p. 559, 561). Ingeram M'Gillelan held lands in Forfarshire in 1372 (RMS., i, 515), and about the same

period or a little later he also held the lands of Dalecarne in the upper half of the barony of Glenstanchere (*Crossraguel*, i, p. 40). Donald Maklellane appears as Steward of Kirkcudbright in 1457 (ER., vi, p. 352), and a later Donald McLalan witnessed a bond of manrent by Malcolm Moir Makesaig to Ronald Campbell of Barchibayan in 1592 (*Coll.*, p. 198). A number of persons are also recorded in Morar, Inverness-shire, about 1670, the clan Illeulan of the Wardlaw Manuscript (*Wardlaw*, p. 185). Henry M'Lelann held land in Inverness in 1457 (*Invernessiana*, p. 135). Estir Cammis and Cammisiltill were let to Thome McFulain (i.e. Maclellan without the 'Gille') in 1480 (ER., viii, p. 564). Peter McLellan was one of the first to receive from the Crown a grant of land which remained after the expulsion of the Acadians (1755) in Nova Scotia. Some Maclellans in the Aberfeldy district of Perthshire are regarded as a sept of the Macnabs who were the lay abbots of Glendochart. John Mac Donoquhy Mac Lelandis in Muckairn is mentioned under 1596 in connection with a raid (RPC., v). Duncan M'Illewlane in Soccoth was a Glenurquhay vassal, 1638 (BBT., p. 403), Duncan M'Illelan in Faranbock, parish of Kilbride, 1699 (*Argyll*), Donald Bane M'Illeland in Brawallich, 1717 (*Campbell*, i, p. 159), and Duncan M'Illeolan in Miggerney, 1725 (*Dunkeld*). The name is also current without Mac and with gille preserved. M'Cleallane 1605, McCleilane 1522, McClelan 1509, Maclelane 1424, Maghellen 1478, Maklellan 1653, McKlellan 1684, Maklellane 1512, M'Lelen 1484, M'Lellane 1471, Makellane 1512.

The Surnames of Scotland, by George F. Black, New York Public Library, New York 1962

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Kathleen Allen McLellan  
in Nova Scotia, summer,  
1966.

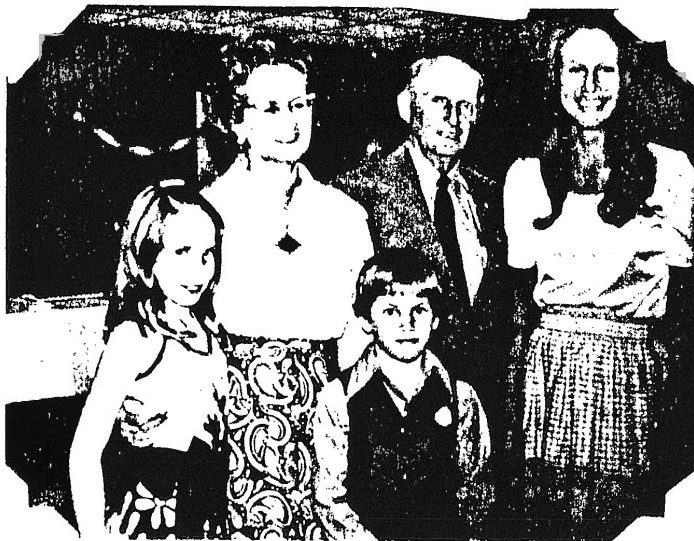


Jack and Kay McLellan,  
Garden City, New York,  
June 30, 1969.



Jack McLellan and Kathleen Schings,  
Austin, Texas, April, 1984.

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Upper Left: Hope, Dorothy, Bruce, Jr.,  
George, and Debbie, San Antonio, June, '75.



Upper Right: Billy, Billito, Aunt  
Elizabeth, Jack, and George, San Antonio,  
June, 1975.

Lower: Tom, Terry, Billy, Amy, Jack,  
Kathleen, Jennie, Bill and Sam, Austin,  
December, 1982.





Adelaide Mary McLellan and her sons  
George, Bill and Jack, San Antonio,  
June, 1955.



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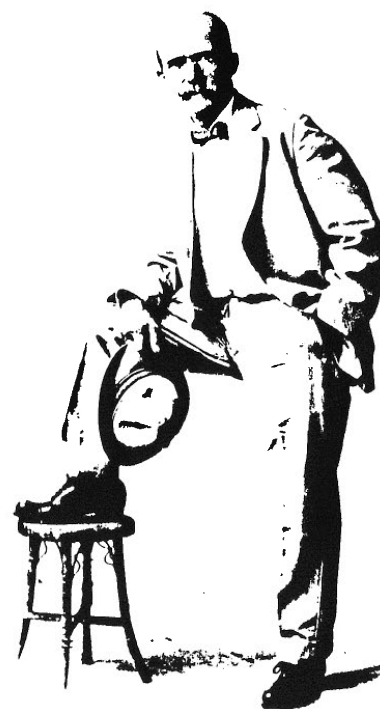
Old McLellan Family Photographs

1. Herbert Cottrell, a relative, probably a cousin, of George B. McLellan, on his mother's side. 2. Mary (Polly) Daniels (L) and Maggie Winfield (R), aunts of George B. McLellan. 3. Christine and Robert Daniels, cousins of George B. McLellan. 4. William and Ruth Daniels, cousins of George B. McLellan, and their sons. 5. Mary (Polly) Daniels (L) and Christine Hooper (R), aunts of George B. McLellan, with Aunt Polly's son Robert.





George B. McLellan



Alexander D. McLellan  
Uncle of  
George B. McLellan



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John Shaw McLellan



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Sylvia Cottrell McLellan



John McLellan  
Grandfather of  
George B. McLellan

George B. McLellan  
Shortly before he  
left Canada



Frank Cooper



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VI. Sandra Ann, daughter of Dorothy McLellan, was born in San Antonio, Texas on October 9, 1941. She married Vernon Keith Armstrong in Houston, Texas on July 9, 1971. Keith was born in McPherson, Kansas on February 23, 1932. They have one daughter, Nicole Denise, born in Houston, Texas on November 15, 1976. Sandra and Keith live in Spring, Texas, near Houston.

VI. Deborah Elaine, daughter of Dorothy McLellan, was born in Alameda, California on April 3, 1946. She married Herbert Bruce Weaver, Jr. in New Orleans, La. on September 19, 1964. Bruce was born in San Tome, Venezuela on March 21, 1944. They have two children: Hope Celeste Weaver, born in New Orleans on April 14, 1965 and Herbert Bruce Weaver III born in DeLand, Florida on March 28, 1968. Deborah and Bruce live in Williamsport, Penn. where Bruce is a professor at Lycoming College.

VI. George Albert, son of Dorothy McLellan, was born in San Tome, Venezuela on May 24, 1952. George graduated from Phillips Andover Academy, Andover, Mass. and from Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn. He obtained an MBA degree from the University of Texas, Austin. George lives in Houston, Texas.

VI. William Allen McLellan, Jr., son of William McLellan, was born on Staten Island, New York on January 15, 1950. He was educated in public schools at various army stations and received a BA degree from the University of Texas at El Paso in June, 1971. Bill also did graduate work at the University of Liverpool in England and at the University of Texas in Austin. He married Jennifer Lynne Hargrove in El Paso, Texas on September 1, 1973.\* Bill served in the U S Army at various duty stations in Germany and the United States for several years and then left the service to work in the computer industry. Bill and Jennie have one son, Patrick Glynn McLellan, born in Austin, Texas on June 18, 1983. They live in Austin, Texas.

*\* Jennie was  
born in El Paso  
on April 8, 1954.*

VI. Samuel Glynn McLellan, son of William McLellan and twin brother of William McLellan, Jr. Sam also received a BA degree from the University of Texas in El Paso. He received an MA degree from the University of Exeter in England and a Ph. D. degree from the University of Texas at Austin, the first member of our families to obtain a doctorate. His graduate work included a year's study at the University of Oslo, Norway. Sam married Terry Evers in El Paso, Texas on August 26, 1972. Terry was born in Fort Hood, Texas on September 17, 1950. She has B. A. degrees from the Universities of Texas at El Paso and at Austin. Sam and Terry live in Austin, Texas.

VI. Thomas Jack McLellan, son of William McLellan, was born in Indianapolis, Ind. on August 25, 1955. He attended schools in the United States and in Heidelberg, Germany. Tom received a BBA degree from the University of Texas at Austin. He works with computers in Austin.

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- V. John Henry (Jack) McLellan, son of George B. McLellan, was born in Mexico City at the American Hospital on March 3, 1913. He came with his parents to San Antonio, Texas on January 1, 1916. He was educated in the San Antonio public schools and received a degree in chemical engineering from the University of Texas in August, 1938. He served with the USNR as a lt.(jg) during World War II. He married Kathleen (Kay) Knote Weber in Garden City, New York on June 30, 1944. Kay Weber was born in College Point, New York on June 8, 1923. She received a BA degree from the University of Richmond (Westhampton College) and received masters degrees from Hofstra University and St. John's University on Long Island. Jack and Kay had one daughter, Kathleen Allen, born at Memorial Hospital, Houston, Texas on March 13, 1948. Jack worked for several engineering and chemical companies and retired in December, 1981. Kay McLellan died on February 28, 1976 and is buried in Flushing cemetery, Long Island, New York.
- V. George Edward (Ginger) McLellan, son of George B. McLellan, was born in Mexico City at the American Hospital on February 13, 1915. He came with his parents to San Antonio, Texas on January 1, 1916. He was educated in the San Antonio public schools and served as a captain in the U S Army during World War II in France and Japan. He married Dorothy Estelle Riedner Taylor in San Antonio on February 2, 1949. Dorothy Riedner was born in San Antonio on April 22, 1921. George and Dorothy had three children: Sandra Ann, Deborah Elaine, and George Albert. Sandra and Deborah were Dorothy's daughters by her first marriage to William Taylor. George and Dorothy lived for a number of years in San Tome, Venezuela where George worked for the Mene Grande Oil Company (Gulf). He later worked for several oil companies at other overseas locations. George is retired and he and Dorothy live in Houston, Texas.
- V. William Allen (Billy) McLellan, son of George B. McLellan, was born in San Antonio, Texas on August 25, 1917. He was educated in the public schools of San Antonio, Texas. He received a B A degree from the University of Texas at San Antonio in May, 1979. He served as a major in the U S Army during World War II, in the Pacific theater. He married Imogene Dibrell in San Antonio, Texas on September 1, 1948. Bill continued in the army as a career and served at various stations in the United States and overseas, retiring with the rank of colonel in 1974. Imogene Dibrell was born in Coleman, Texas on November 10, 1925. Bill and Emy had three sons: William Allen, Jr., Samuel Glynn, and Thomas Jack. Bill and Emy live in San Antonio, Texas.
- VI. Kathleen Allen (Katy) McLellan, Jack McLellan's daughter. Kathleen was born in Houston, Texas on March 13, 1948 and was educated in the public schools of Garden City, Long Island, New York. She received a B A degree from Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pennsylvania in June, 1969. She then worked with IBM in New York, New Jersey, and Detroit, Michigan. She married James Robert Schings in Upper Saddle River, New Jersey on March 7, 1981. Jim Schings was born in Toledo, Ohio on March 14, 1947. Kathleen and Jim live in Canton, Michigan near Ann Arbor.

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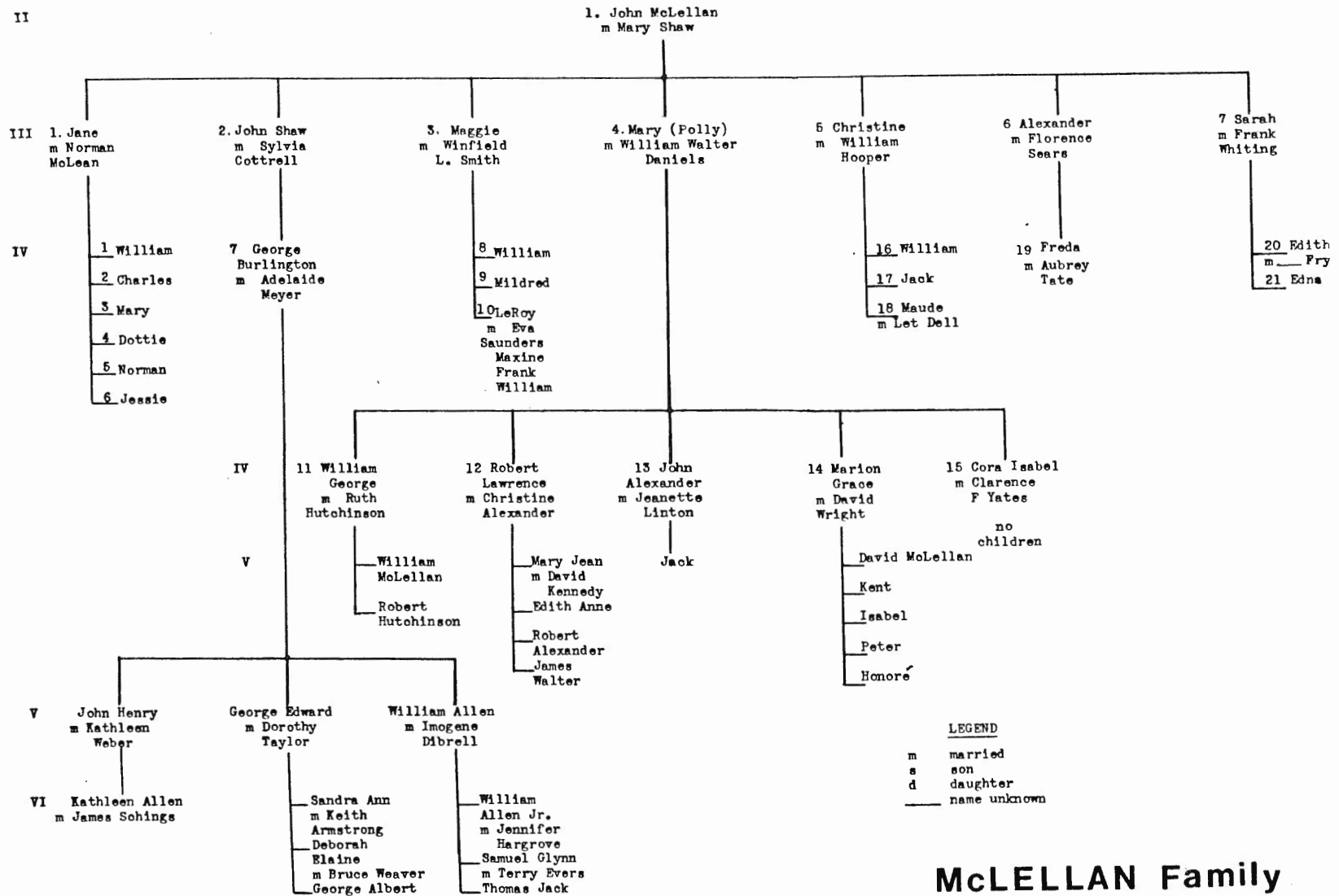
- IV. There is not sufficient information on the cousins of George B. McLellan to list them individually.
- IV-1-6. Only the names of Aunt Jane's children are known: Mary, Dottie, Norman, Jessie, William, and Charles.
- IV-8-10. Aunt Maggie Smith's three children were William, Mildred, and LeRoy. Le Roy married Eva Saunders and they had three children: Maxine, Frank, and William. They lived in the Cleveland area.
- IV-11-15. Aunt Polly Daniels had five children: William George, Robert Lawrence, John Alexander, Marion Grace, and Cora Isabel. William married Ruth Hutchinson and they had two sons, William McLellan Daniels and Robert Hutchinson Daniels. Robert married Christine Alexander and they had four children: Mary Jean, who married David Kennedy; Edith Anne, Robert Alexander, and James Walter. Robert (Bob) Daniels died in Windsor, Ontario on January 26, 1966. John Alexander married Jeanette Linton and they had one son, Jack. Marion Grace married David Wright and they had five children, several of whom died in infancy: David McLellan, Kent, Isabel, Peter, and Honoré. They lived in London, Ontario. Cora Isabel married Clarence F. (Ted) Yates, and they lived in Ann Arbor. They had no children. Cora died in Ann Arbor on November 15, 1961.
- IV-16-18. Aunt Christine Hooper had three children: William, Jack, and Maude. Maude married Let Dell.
- IV-19. Uncle Alex McLellan had one daughter, Freda Alessandria, who married Aubrey O. Tate. They lived in Chicago, and my brother George and I stayed with them when we visited Chicago in 1933. Freda died on October 23, 1943.
- IV-20-21. Aunt Sarah Whiting had two daughters: Edith and Edna. Edith married a man named Fry.

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- II-1. John McLellan, George B. McLellan's grandfather. He was born in Glasgow, Scotland and married Mary Shaw, born in Inverness, near Edinburgh. They had seven children, and the oldest was born in Scotland. They then moved to Canada, and six children were born there, probably all in London, Ontario; John Shaw, Maggie, Mary (Polly), Christine, Alexander, and Sarah.
- III-1. Jane McLellan, George B. McLellan's aunt, born in Scotland. She married Norman McLean and they had six children: William, Charles, Mary, Dottie, Norman, and Jessie. They lived in Detroit.
- III-2. John Shaw McLellan, George B. McLellan's father. He was born in London, Ontario on January 18, 1852. He married Sylvia Mary (Marey?) Cottrell on November 11, 1874. Sylvia Cottrell was born in London, Ontario on November 9, 1853. They had one son, George Burlington McLellan. John Shaw McLellan was a railroad conductor, and died at Tierra Blanca, Vera Cruz, Mexico on July 28, 1903. Sylvia McLellan died in the American Hospital, Mexico City, on July 3, 1909 and is buried in the old British cemetery there, Lot No. 819.
- III-3. Maggie McLellan, George B. McLellan's aunt. She married Winifred LeRoy Smith and they had three children: William, Mildred, and LeRoy. Maggie McLellan died in March, 1927.
- III-4. Mary (Polly) McLellan, George B. McLellan's aunt. She married William Walter Daniels and they had five children: William George, Robert Lawrence, John Alexander, Marion Grace, and Cora Isabel.
- III-5. Christine (Tea) McLellan, George B. McLellan's aunt. She married William Hooper and they had three children: William, Jack, and Maude.
- III-6. Alexander D. McLellan, George B. McLellan's uncle. He was born on October 26, 1870 and married Florence Sears. They had one daughter, Freda Alessandria. They moved to Galveston, Texas in 1900 where Uncle Alex had an electrical business. He died there on July 16, 1922. Florence McLellan died in Galveston on November 3, 1954 at the age of 84 years.
- III-7. Sarah McLellan, George B. McLellan's aunt. She married Frank Whiting and they had two daughters, Edith and Edna.
- IV-7. George Burlington McLellan, my father. He was born in London, Ontario on June 20, 1877 and was the only child. His parents took him to Arizona as a youth, and then to Mexico. He married Adelaide Mary Meyer in Mexico City on June 14, 1911, and they had three sons: John Henry (Jack), George Edward (Ginger) and William Allen (Billy). The family left Mexico for good in January, 1916 and went to San Antonio, Texas. George B. McLellan died in San Antonio on May 8, 1931 and is buried in Mission cemetery. Adelaide McLellan died in San Antonio on October 2, 1969 and is buried alongside her husband and her mother.

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This venture failed rather quickly, and for about a year and a half my father worked for the Army Bank of Fort Sam Houston. My father never quite gave up the idea of returning to Mexico City, which he considered home. He then worked for the L. Frank Saddlery Company, later Straus-Frank Company, and he remained there until he died.

My father was an only child, but he had 20 cousins on his father's side. Having left Canada while he was quite young, he really never knew his relatives very well. In 1900 his uncle, Alexander McLellan, came to Galveston from Canada to help restore telephone service after the great storm. He remained in Galveston and started an electrical business. From time to time we had some contact with Uncle Alex, his wife Aunt Florence, and my father's cousin, Freda. Of all of the descendants of John McLellan, only my brothers and I were to continue the McLellan name.

One of my father's aunts, Mary (Aunt Polly) married William Walter Daniels, and they lived in the Detroit area. My parents used to correspond with two of Aunt Polly's sons, my father's cousins William George (Bill) Daniels, who lived in Cleveland, and Robert Lawrence (Bob) Daniels, who lived in Walkerville, Ontario, across the river from Detroit. In 1938 while on a short visit to Detroit I spent an evening with Bob Daniels and his family. At that time he was the manager of the Walkerville Land and Development Company, and the mayor of Walkerville (now part of Windsor, Ontario). He was a trustee for the Hiram Walker estate and managed many properties that had been owned by the distiller. Much of the information that my mother recorded on my father's relatives she obtained from Bob Daniels.

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History of the McLellan Family

John McLellan, my great grandfather, was born in Glasgow, Scotland. He married Mary Shaw, born in Inverness. Their first daughter, Jane, was born in Scotland, and then they moved to London, Ontario, Canada where six more children were born.

One of these was John Shaw McLellan, who married Sylvia Mary Cottrell, and their only child was my father, George Burlington McLellan. There is very little information about the Cottrell family. It is not a Scotch surname, but it is listed in English genealogies as a variant of Cotterell, probably of Norman origin. Related is the word cottager, a rather humble farm tenant (e.g., The Cotter's Saturday Night, by Robert Burns). Sylvia McLellan had a sister living in Scotland, a Mrs. Bennett, and my mother's address book listed Gordon and Leah Cottrell, Toronto, cousins of my father on his mother's side. There is also an old picture of a young boy, Herbert Cottrell, noted "relative of George B. McLellan."

John Shaw McLellan was a conductor for a Canadian railroad, and sometime in the 1880's he moved to Tucson, Arizona. I have my father's baptismal certificate dated April 10, 1887, Grace Mission, Tucson. He was then 10 years old. I also have postcards addressed to J. S. McLellan, Conductor, S. P. Railroad, Tucson, Arizona Territory, October, 1889. The family may have returned to Canada for awhile. There is a picture of my father taken in a studio in London, Ontario, and he appears to have been about 15-16 years old.

Sometime thereafter, probably before the end of the century, my grandfather took his family to Mexico. My mother told me that the English owners of the Canadian railroad also had an interest in the Mexican railroad that employed my grandfather. When my father was a young man his father sent him from Mexico to Canada to attend business school, according to a letter my mother received from one of my father's Canadian cousins.

John Shaw McLellan died at the age of 50 years under mysterious circumstances. He was injured in a train accident and was hospitalized in the small village of Tierra Blanca, in the state of Vera Cruz. My father immediately went to see him, and after being satisfied that his father was in good condition, he hurried back to Mexico City, where his mother had just undergone surgery. He had scarcely arrived when he received notice that his father had died of yellow fever. By the time my father got back to Tierra Blanca my grandfather already had been buried, since immediate interment was the rule in cases of contagious disease.

George B. McLellan worked as an accountant for the Mexican Power and Light Company, and for the National Railways. He married my mother, Adelaide Mary Meyer, in Mexico City on June 14, 1911. I and my brother George were born in Mexico City, at the American Hospital there. Our parents left Mexico for good in January, 1916, because of the continuing revolutionary troubles. According to my mother, my father wanted to go to Richmond, Virginia, but the family got as far as San Antonio, Texas, and that is where I grew up.

At first, my father tried to establish a certified milk dairy, in company with my uncle, Charles S. Coye. He acquired some property on the San Antonio river, on Riverside Drive, across from the old fair grounds, where Teddy Roosevelt and the Rough Riders trained.

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In 1940 I was working temporarily on Long Island, and I had a chance to visit Grannie's sister Clara. She was in a rest home on Fulton Street in Hempstead. My mother came to Long Island in June, 1944 to attend my wedding. At that time she saw her Aunt Emily, Grannie's last surviving sister. She died about a year later.

My grandmother lived to be 94 years old, and she outlived all of her brothers and sisters. There may be some descendants of the original Joseph Allen with the Allen name in England. Albert Allen, the only son of Herbert Allen, is dead, and there is no record of his having any sons. I believe he was the last of the Allens living in the United States.



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Short History of the Allen Family

My grandmother, Grannie (Adelaide Mary Meyer) was uncertain about her grandfather's name. She thought it was Joseph Allen, but it might have been John, William, or Samuel. He was a gentleman farmer in England who had seven children. His wife died, and he came to the United States, bringing six of the children. Joseph William Allen, the oldest son, was serving in the British army, and did not come.

Grannie's grandfather bought property on Staten Island, and married a widow with three sons. When he died, the property, which was extensive, passed to these three sons. He died at the age of 90 years from a jaw infection following the extraction of a tooth.

Joseph William Allen, the son who remained in England, was Grannie's father. He had joined the British army at 19 and was in the Highlanders Regiment, serving in the West Indies and various colonies. He was a sergeant in 1856, during the Crimean War. He married Mary Ann Stranahan who was born in Armagh, in Northern Ireland. They moved from station to station and their seven children were born in different places. There is a copy of a page from the old family bible that gives the names and birthdates of the seven children, entered in Joseph's handwriting.

My mother had photostats of several old letters which were written in England to her grandfather. One letter was dated July 23, 1859, Carnagh, and informed Joseph Allen that his father-in-law had died from a heart attack. Carnagh is a small village northwest of Dundalk in Armagh, Northern Ireland. The second letter was dated September 2, 1861, Bangor, and was addressed to Sgt. Joseph Allen, 25th Rgt. It informed him that his sister Mary was traveling as a maid with the writer's mother and they intended to visit London on the 15th instant, and Mary wished to visit her brother at Aldershot. Bangor is a small port in Wales and Aldershot is a town close to London. These are the earliest documents relating to the Allen family which are available.

After he retired from the British army Joseph Allen took his pension in a lump sum and at the age of 60 years he brought his wife and six of the children to America. They left Warrington, Lancaster, England on March 17, 1884; left Liverpool on March 20; and arrived at Castle Gardens, New York City on March 31, 1884, just a hundred years ago.

Grannie's brother Samuel Joseph didn't come. He was in the British army, like his father had been, and he never came to the United States, dying in England. Another of Grannie's brothers, Joseph William Allen, came over with the family, but he returned to England for good several years later. Thus, Grannie's father and all of her paternal aunts and uncles ended up in the United States. Generally, they and their descendants stayed in the New York area, chiefly Brooklyn.

Grannie was 13 years old when she came to the United States. She lived in Brooklyn, married, and had four children, the oldest of whom died in infancy. At the age of 27 years Grannie left New York with her husband and children and went to Mexico City to live. From time to time Grannie and members of her family would return to New York on visits, and so they kept fairly well in touch with Grannie's relatives, and her husband's relatives.

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Foreword

Adelaide Mary McLellan, my mother, was very interested in our family history, and collected whatever information she could get. She typed everything up, and distributed copies to various family members. Some of the information came from her own experiences and notes. Much of the information on the Allen and Meyer families she received from her mother, Adelaide Mary Meyer, who many of us called Grannie. Some came from her cousins -- Lillian, Lydia, Little Addie, and others. Facts about the early history of the Meyers came from a distant cousin, Will Stump. Information on the McLellan family was received by correspondence with a cousin of my father's, Robert Daniels of Walkerville (now Windsor), Ontario, Canada.

I have taken all the information my mother collected and have tried to bring it up to date. I have also used notes taken by my wife, Kathleen Weber McLellan, of conversations she had with my mother and with Grannie. There are many new branches being added to the family tree, and perhaps others can add something to this story.

The record begins with Grannie's grandfather whose first name is not known with certainty, but probably was Joseph. Joseph Allen was born in England and died in the United States at about the age of 90 years. What is known about his descendants is set down under the Allen family history. One of his granddaughters was Adelaide Mary Allen, my grandmother, who married Henry Traugott Meyer, and this brings in the Meyer family. Grannie had one son, my Uncle Bill, and his descendants have continued the Meyer name.

Grannie also had two daughters. Adelaide Mary Meyer married George Burlington McLellan and Elizabeth Emily Meyer married Charles Sibley Coye, adding the McLellan and Coye family names to the list.

I have made a chart or family tree for each of the four families showing the names in each generation. Following is genealogical data, giving information under each name, to the extent available. Also, I have prepared a short summary of the history of each of the families, and I have included copies of some old pictures and letters. Obviously the information is sketchy and incomplete. It would take a very thick volume to do justice to so many people.

A Roman numeral is used for each generation. The correspondence of the numbers between the different families is approximate only. There were inconsistencies in the spelling of names, in dates, and in localities, and I tried to reconcile these as much as possible. I am sure I made a number of errors, and I will be grateful if these are called to my attention.

Jack (John Henry) McLellan

Austin, Texas  
September, 1984



Adelaide Mary McLellan

In June, 1986, Freda McLellan  
Bergson sent this Bible from  
Salt Spring Island, British  
Columbia, Canada, - where  
she was living at that time, -  
to Colter Alquin McLellan  
in New Orleans, La. - her  
nephew.

Colter,

The elderly couple in the centre of the picture would be your great - great grandparents, and I think the lady second from the left in the top row is your great - grandmother.

The great - great grandparents were Mr. & Mrs. Cochrane (I think that is the correct spelling) and Grandmother McLellan's name was Ellen Cochrane. (X)

Family information is at the end of the Old Testament.

I thought you might like to have this picture, as well as the Bible. We took it out of the frame for easier shipping.

Aunt Freda.

(X)

Ellen Cochrane married William McLellan.

Family history as it pertains to your family:

Aurelia Gertrude Colter married Frederick R. McLellan  
Born Dec. 2, 1877, Stratford, Ontario. Born Oct. 16, 1868,  
Died - Nov. 1926 - Winnipeg Bishop Mills, Ont.  
Buried - Virden, Man. Died - Aug. 1951 - mtl  
Buried: Bishop Mills

children: Alma  
Ida

⊗ Colter  
Wm. Burt  
Freda Aurelia  
Lois Enid

⊗ Frederick Colter McLellan married Eunice Badcamp  
Born - May 3, 1900 - New Orleans  
Virden, Man. Born - Sept. 16, 1900  
Died - May 1979 Died - May 1971

children:

Colter Alquin McLellan married Doris Newcombe  
Born - July 6, 1937. March 9, 1933  
Born -

children: Julie McLellan

Born: May 9, 1961, - in New Orleans  
Lorie McLellan (Zachary Colter McLellan 11/20/1  
Born July 1, 1964 - in New Orleans

Rockwell McLellan

Born - March 11, 1939 Not married

Joseph Donald McLellan married Maureen Watson

Born - March 2, 1943, in New Orleans

children: Rockwell Edward McLellan

Born: Feb. 6, 1968, - in New Orleans